

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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OBJECTIVES OF NDC
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the practicability of objectives of the formation of National Development Council and participation of the State Governments therein; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): No decision has been taken by the Planning Commission to review the practicability of objectives of the formation of National Development Council and participation of the State Governments therein.

(b): The National Development Council (NDC) was set up on the recommendations of the Planning Commission vide Cabinet Resolution dated 6th August, 1952 and was reconstituted vide Cabinet Resolution dated 7th October, 1967 according to which the main functions of NDC include inter alia prescribing guidelines for the formulation of the National Plan, including the assessment of resource for the Plan and suggesting measures to secure the active participation and cooperation of the people, improve the efficiency of the administrative services, ensure the fullest development of the less advanced regions and sections of the community and, through sacrifice borne equally by all citizens, build up resources for national development. The NDC is a unique body, established specially to consider and take decisions on important development issues. Since its inception, the convention in the NDC has been that all decisions taken by it should be consensual in nature through consultation with all constituents and by resolving any differences through discussion and persuasion. This process of inclusiveness and participation distinguishes the deliberations of this body from all others and is an affirmation of the democratic and federal ideals that are enshrined in this institution. The NDC has met fifty one times and has shown that the country is united in its efforts to build the best possible future for its people.